

REMARKS

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 2, 2007, Applicants submit this Amendment accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time. The appropriate extension of time fee was paid by credit card upon the electronic submission of this paper.

By way of this amendment, claims 1, 13, and 19 are canceled, and claims 2-10, 12, 14-18, and 20-30 are currently amended. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the office to acknowledge the same.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 2-11, 14-18, and 20-30 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the office action indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten into independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowable claims 2, 14, and 20 have been rewritten into independent form. The remaining claims have been amended to properly depend from one of allowable independent claims 2, 14, and 20. Additionally, a variety of the remaining claims have been amended to correct typographical errors and to eliminate grammatical redundancies.

Entry and consideration of these amendments is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 12, 13, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Lemistre et al.

Claims 1, 13, and 19 have been canceled herein. Claim 12 has been amended to be dependent on allowable claim 2.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

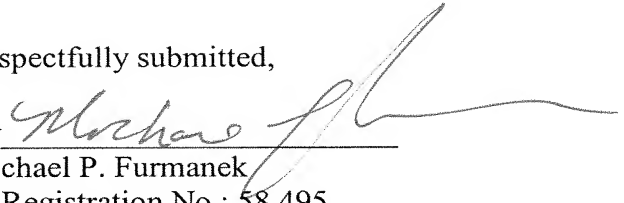
CONCLUSION

All outstanding rejections have been either traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Therefore, the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

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